

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Micael J. Picciallo

Application No.: 09/478,051

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For: ALLOWANCE CARD OR ACCOUNT

Examiner: J. R. Kucab

**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed December 3, 2010, a Request for Continued Examination presenting the following claim amendments and remarks are submitted by Applicant for consideration by the Examiner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper;

Applicant's **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.